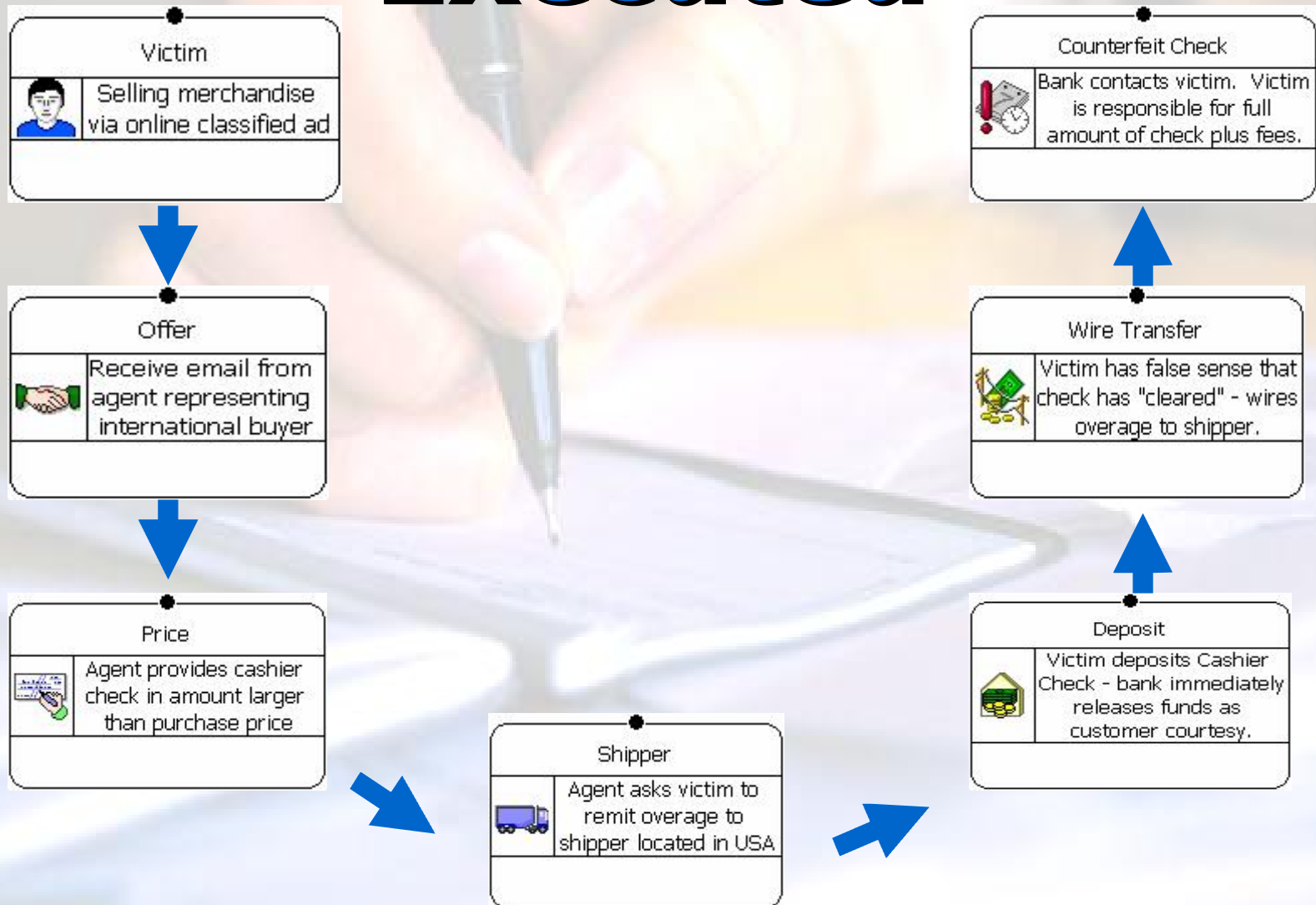


Combating Counterfeit Cashier Check Fraud



How the Scam is Executed



How IC3 Assists An Investigation

- Access to complaint database – keeps investigator apprised of newest information
- Research open and closed Internet sources
- Conduct criminal history checks
- Analyze and organize case data – build i2 charts, produce written reports, etc.
- Coordinate investigative efforts – to avoid duplicate endeavors
- Maintain established cooperative contacts with Western Union, Autotrader.com, Craigslist.org, eBay and other industries

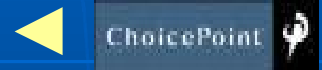


Restricted Online Resources Accessible by IC3



▶ **LexisNexis** - Provides public records and business information.

ChoicePoint - Provider of identification and credential verification services.



▶ **Dunn&Bradstreet** - Provider of global business information, tools, and insight.

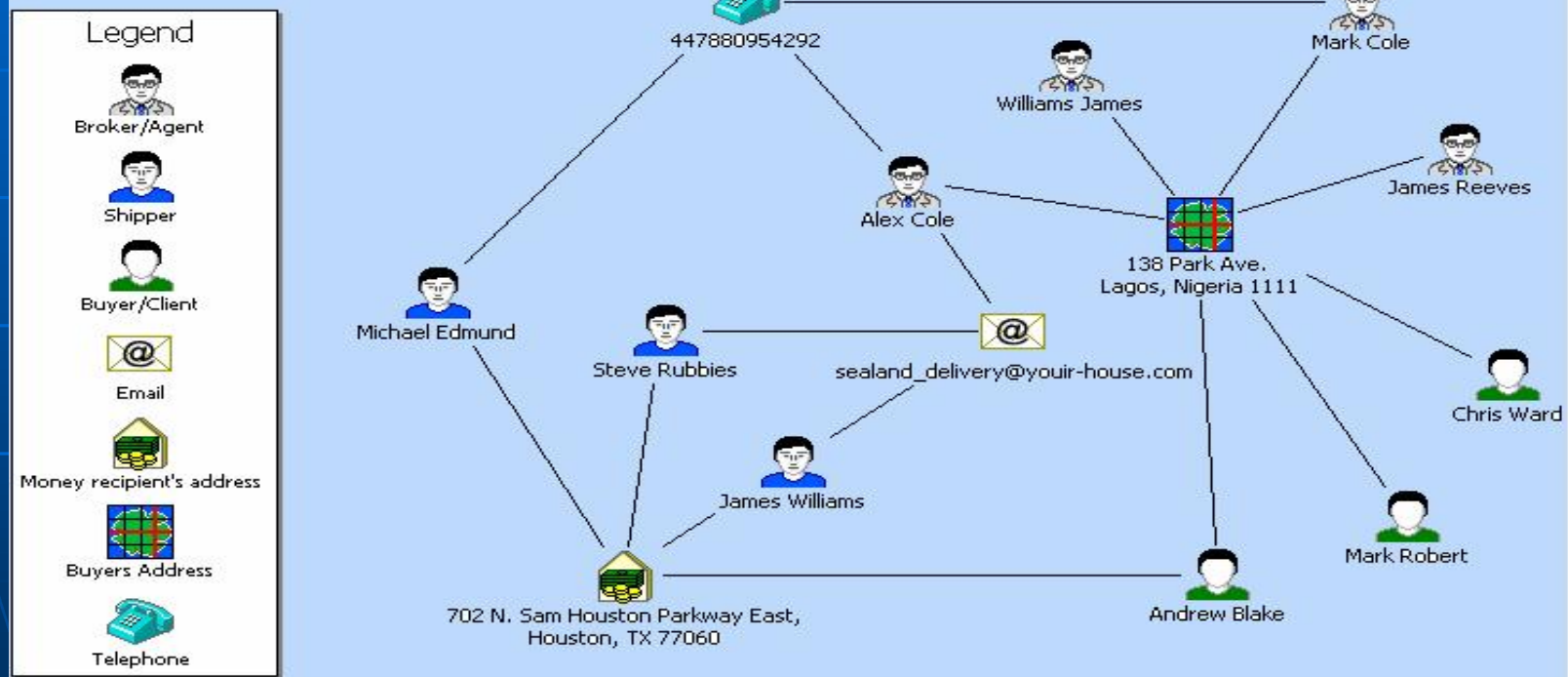
Consumer Sentinel - An international law enforcement fraud-fighting program.



▶ **FinCen** - Provides sharing and analysis of financial intelligence.

IC3 Visual Organization of Data

Linking Entities

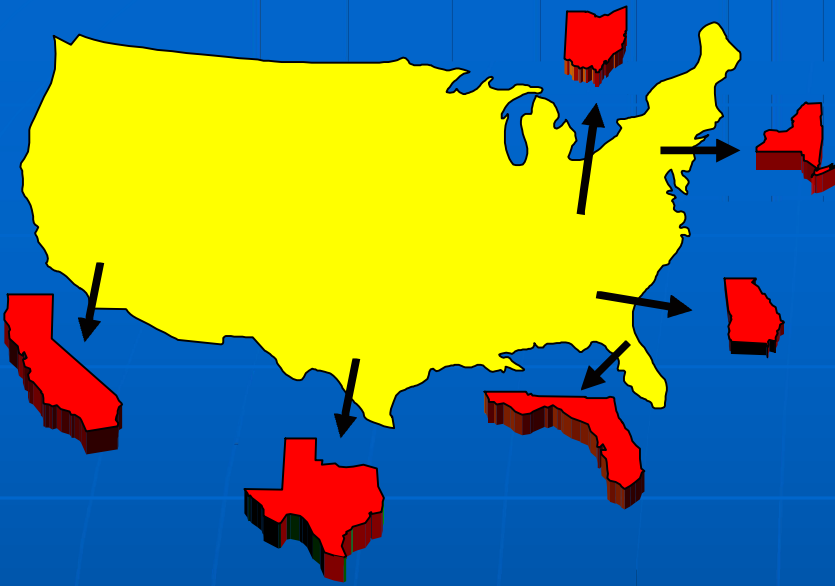


Often seen in cashier check scams are subjects using very common names and sometimes reversing those names; however, addresses are frequently a constant and viable link to match offenders.

Internet Crime Complaint Center Report (IC3R)



- In depth research and analysis conducted in order to compose IC3R.
- Disseminate IC3R, including IC3 victim complaints, to law enforcement agencies.
- Law enforcement agency conducts investigation with continued support from IC3.



United States Nexus

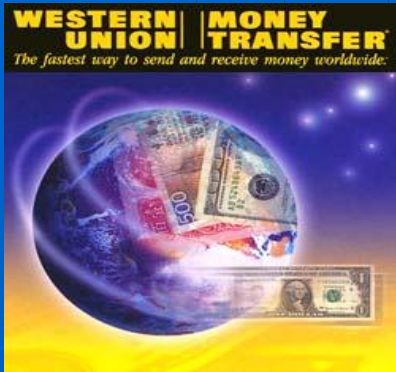
Funds have been wired to :

Atlanta, GA
Brooklyn, NY
Cincinnati, OH
Dallas, TX

Los Angeles, CA
Miami, FL
New York, NY
San Francisco, CA

Recent Investigation

An IC3R was disseminated to Winston, OR, Police regarding a check scam victim in their jurisdiction. Winston PD followed the money trail to Miami, FL. IC3 contacted Miami FBI and a case agent was assigned. Winston PD and Miami FBI coordinated investigation. Western Union was willing to provide security tapes for investigator's review.



Majority of Funds are Transferred through Western Union

- 181,000 WU Agents Worldwide (195 Countries)
- Corporate Security (314) 291 - 8000
- Cooperative with IC3 and other law enforcement
 - Search transactions on Sender or Receiver name.
 - Information presented on CD or on paper.
 - Video tape of WU lobby available to view.
 - Provide pickup location and consumer complaint, if already reported.
 - Process subpoenas if customer hasn't already filed a complaint.
 - To file a complaint with WU, consumers can call (800) 325-6000, option 5, then option 4 – Consumer Fraud Reporting Dept.

Where is the money going?



What is it supporting?

Consumers are losing upwards of \$10,000 every time they fall victim to a fraudulent cashier check scheme. Victims of this scheme have reported over \$1,300,000 in loss to the IC3.



Growing Concern

Funding to Terrorists and Terrorism?

Funding to Organized Crime?

Victim Assistance



Encourage victim to file complaint online with IC3 through www.ic3.gov. Other complaints with related subjects will be grouped together creating a larger case.

Remind victim to maintain hard and electronic copies of the original documents (checks, envelopes, emails) in case they may be necessary to the investigation.



Together we can make a difference



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